

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action issued May 3, 2007, claims 5-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter because the body of the claim recite software components, claims 1, 2, 4-5, and 7-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Published Application No. 2004/0226031 to Zimmerman et al. (Zimmerman) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,718,543 to Aria et al. ("Aria"). Claims 3 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Zimmerman in view of Aria and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,088,694 to Burns et al. (Burns). Claims 1-9 are now pending in this application. Claims 1, 5, and 8 have been amended.

To overcome the rejection of claims 5-7 under 35 U.S.C. §101, the applicant has amended claim 5 so that it now recites a processor operable to execute software code stored in a memory. The applicant believes that this amendment overcomes the rejection and requests that the rejection is withdrawn.

The applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, according to claims 1, 2, 4-5, and 7-9 is not unpatentable over Zimmerman and Arai. In particular, the present invention, for example, according to claim 1, requires a computer implemented method of installing a first self-contained data handling application to operate with a second, previously installed, self-contained data handling application having at least one call routine which is executed when the second data handling application is operated, the method comprising: a) determining the presence of the second data handling application and, if it is present, b) generating a link to a software routine provided by the first self-contained data handling application including appending an address for the software routine configured to execute when the at least one call routine for the second, previously installed, self-contained data handling application executes, wherein the first self-

contained data handling application and the second, previously installed, self contained data handling application are operable to execute without the each other.

Zimmermann discloses the use of a dynamic library with an installed program. A library is a collection of subprograms used to develop software. Libraries contain "helper" code and data, which provide services to independent programs. This allows code and data to be shared and changed in a modular fashion. The dynamic library of Zimmerman is not operable to execute without the installed application program. Thus, the libraries disclosed by Zimmerman are not "self-contained data handling applications operable to execute without each other" as claimed by the present invention.

Aria does not cure the deficiencies of Zimmerman. Like Zimmerman, Aria discloses a system that implements a self contained application and libraries that are used by the application. The libraries of Aria are not operable to execute without an application program. Thus, the libraries disclosed by Aria are not "self-contained data handling applications operable to execute without each other" as claimed by the present invention. In addition, there is no teaching, implicitly or explicitly, that would motivate one of ordinary skill in the art to make a library that is a self-contained application that does not need to operate with another application as now claimed by the present invention. The entire purpose of a library is to provide helper subprograms that are used by independent programs. In addition, both Zimmerman and Aria fail to disclose appending an address for a software routine configured to execute when at least one call routine for the second, previously installed, self-contained data handling application executes, where the software routine is for an application that does not need to operate with another application.

Thus, the present invention, according to claim 1, and according to claims 5 and 8, which are similar to claim 1, and according to claims 2, 4, 7, and 9, which depend therefrom, is not unpatentable over Zimmerman in view of Aria..

The applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, according to claims 3 and 6 is not unpatentable over Zimmerman in view of Aria and further in view of Burns because Burns and Aria do not cure the deficiencies of Zimmerman.

Thus, the present invention, according to claims 3 and 6 is not unpatentable over Zimmerman in view of Aria and Burns.

Each of the claims now pending in this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of this case and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

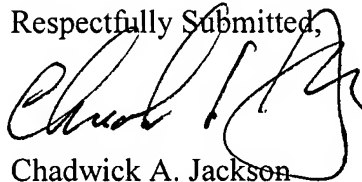
Additional Fees:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 50-4047 (4191110072).

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, all of the Examiner's rejections to the claims are believed to be overcome. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all the claims remaining in the application. Should the Examiner feel further communication would facilitate prosecution, he is urged to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,



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